Action against the Chairman of Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd.

1221. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. has made a technical collaboration agreement with Dupont, USA a multinational company for the manufacture of X-ray films and Graphic Art Film and has paid over Rs. 80 crore as know-how fees in foreign exchange to the said company;

(b) whether Government have received any complaints in regard to this transaction;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard what action Government have taken against the management and Chairman of HPF; and

(d) the basis on which Government have approved continued import of Polyester base film from the same multinational company i.e. Dupont, USA?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) M/s. Hindustan Photo Films Ltd. (HPF) has entered into a technical collaboration agreement with M/s. Du Pont, USA, for manufacture of polyester based medical x-ray, industrial x-ray and graphic arts films. The lumpeum know-how fee payable to M/s. Du Pont is US$ 46.45 million (net of taxes).

(b) and (c) Complaints regarding quality, cost of technology etc. had been received which were not based on a proper appreciation of facts.

(d) HPF is currently importing jumbo rolls of polyester based films from M/s. Du Pont, USA as part of its market seeding operations to familiarise the Indian market with the quality of films that will be produced by HPF from October 1991 onwards.

U.S. Aerospace trade mission visit to India

1222. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHEN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that an Aero space trade Mission to U.S. headed by the Assistant Secretary for Aerospace in U.S. Department of Commerce visited India recently, and

(b) if so, what was the object of the mission and what was the outcome of its talks in India?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) A Trade Mission headed by the U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aerospace, visited India recently. The objective of the mission was to explore possibilites of trade with India. The visit provided a useful forum for interaction between the two countries.

India's Economic strategies for Nineties

1223. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while inaugurating a National Conference on 'India's Economic strategies for Nineties' on April 18, 1990, he called upon the industry in India to shun protectionism;

(b) if so, what were the main observations and suggestions made at the Conference; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.